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Groutt House
Princess Anne
private

c. 1900-1905

Similar to many turn of the century houses in south Princess Anne, the Groutt house is characterized by a mixture of Victorian and Colonial Revival features. This eclectic mixture of design elements is common to the Queen Anne style, popular during the years surrounding the turn of the century. The irregular or asymmetrical elevations and plan with multiple projecting bays or gables are common to the style as are the wraparound porch and colored glass windows. Inside, the house is fitted with the original oak woodwork which also ranges from the intricate Victorian spindles to the classical treatment of egg and dart molding around the doors. The mirrored mantel in the parlor is an especially rare period element.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-395

Magi No. 2003955704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Groutt House

2. Location

street & number 526 South Somerset Ave.

☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

First

state Maryland

county

Somerset

3. Classification

Category☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object**Ownership**☐ public☒ private☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process☐ being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress**Accessible**☒ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☐ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ educational☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ museum☐ park☒ private residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ transportation☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John and Cathy Groutt

street & number 526 South Somerset Ave.

telephone no.: 651-3814

city, town Princess Anne

state and zip code Md. 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court

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street & number Somerset County Courthouse

folio

city, town Princess Anne

state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Groutt House Description

The Groutt house is located at 526 South Somerset Avenue in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The large Queen Anne style frame house faces east.

Supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, the irregular plan frame house is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof and sheathed with aluminum siding. Internal brick stove stacks rise through the center of the dwelling.

The east (principal) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and two-story bay window to the south. The first floor is covered by a wraparound Tuscan columned front porch with turned baluster handrail that stretches between the porch posts. Centered on the porch roof is a small gable which marks the entrance bay. The partially glazed front door is framed by sidelights and single-pane sash windows light the three-sided bay window to the left of the front door. The right bay is filled with a pair of French doors. The second floor is also divided into three bays with a center balcony and flanking single-pane sash windows. The balcony columns have been replaced. Centered on the east slope of the hip roof is a large hip roof dormer pierced by two narrow single-pane sash windows. A brick stove stack rises through the center of the house.

The side elevations have two-story bay windows pierced by single-pane sash windows as well as art glass windows on the north side of the house.

Inside, the turn of the century woodwork has not been altered. Located in the front hall is a quarter-turn stair crafted in oak. A large rectangular newel post has paneled sides which along with the turned balusters, supports a molded handrail.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title

organization

date

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

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Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972



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Princess Anne, Somerset Co. Md.

East Elevation

3/86, Paul Touart, Photographer

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